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TO: Jefferson County Leader / March 15, 2016
RE: Legal Notice for April 26, 2016 Special Election
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Please publish the below Notice of Election in the legal section of the **March 23, 2016 edition.**

Notice of Election
Jefferson County, State of Washington
Tuesday, April 26, 2016 Special Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of Jefferson County, State of Washington that on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, a Special Election will be conducted entirely by mail. Ballots will be mailed to all qualified voters living in Jefferson County in the jurisdictions listed below on April 6, 2016.

The online voter guide is available at www.myvote.wa.gov

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov.

Local Ballot Measures for the following Jurisdictions (Districts) in this election:

- Chimacum School District No. 49, Proposition No. 1 – General Obligation Bonds
- Quilcene Fire Protection District No. 2, Proposition No. 1 – Emergency Medical Services Levy

Voter Registration Information & Deadlines for this Election:

Mar. 28, 2016 Twenty-nine days before the election – Last day for mail-in or online new registrations and voter updates within and between Washington counties.
Apr. 18, 2016 Eight days before the election – Last day for in-person registration at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office (1820 Jefferson St, Port Townsend) for those voters not already registered in the State of Washington.

Voter registration forms are available at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office as well as various locations throughout the county (schools, libraries, community centers, etc). You may also register to vote and change your name and address at all drivers licensing locations or online at www.myvote.wa.gov.

A registered voter who misses the deadline to transfer his or her residential address may vote according to his or her previous registration address. Registration applications and updates submitted after the deadline will take effect for the next election.

Voting Center

The Jefferson County Auditor's Office, located on the first floor of the County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend, is a voting center for the complete voting period of April 6 – April 26, 2016. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays with Election Day hours of 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Any voter who does not receive their ballot, or needs a replacement ballot, may request one:

- Online: www.myvote.wa.gov, (enter your name as you are registered, and your date of birth);
- By phone: Jefferson County Auditor's Office: 360-385-9119;
- In person: Jefferson County Auditor's Office (1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend); or,
- By Email: elections@co.jefferson.wa.us

How to return your ballot:

- By Mail: First Class Postage is required on all ballots returned by mail. If you are mailing your ballot on Election Day, be sure to check the postmark cutoff time at your Post Office. Ask your post office if they postmark it there or send it to their processing location for the postmark, possibly resulting in a next day postmark. Ballots bearing a postmark after Election Day, April 26, 2016, will be considered late, and cannot be counted.
- Ballot Drop Box: Two Ballot Drop Boxes are available 20 days before an election and open 24 hours a day. On Election Day, ballots will be accepted in the drop boxes until 8:00 p.m. They are located at:
 - Jefferson County Courthouse: 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend - back parking lot.
 - Jefferson County Library: 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock – next to book drop in parking area.
- In-Person: Auditor's Office on the 1st Floor of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend. Regular office hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays with Election Day hours 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In order for a ballot to be counted, the voter must sign the Voter's Declaration on the return envelope. The Declaration on the return envelope may only be signed by the registered voter whose ballot is inside. If you are unable to sign, you may make a mark on the signature line in the presence of two witnesses. The two witnesses need to sign in the space provided on the declaration envelope. A power of attorney or signature stamp are NOT permitted.

Notice of Accessibility

An Accessible Voting Unit (AVU), also known as AutoMARK, is available at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, April 6, 2016 thru Election Day, April 26, 2016, with Election Day hours from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The AVU is a tool – an "electronic pen" equipped with audio and visual technology – to assist voters who have a difficult time seeing and/or marking a ballot with a regular pen. It allows voters to vote a secret ballot independently. The side entrance to the County Courthouse, located on Cass St., is ADA accessible.

For information regarding assistance with voter registration, voting, election information or accessibility issues, please contact the Election Department at (360) 385-9119 or (360) 385-9117.

Logic & Accuracy Test:

March 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in accordance with RCW 29A.12.130, the Jefferson County Election Department will conduct an official Logic and Accuracy test on our ballot tabulation system. This test will verify that the system will correctly count the votes cast for all measures appearing on the ballot. Representatives from each major political party, the press and the public are invited to observe this test.

Ballot Processing Schedule:

April 11, 2016 through May 6, 2016: Ballot processing activities will be held in the Jefferson County Auditor's Office on the 1st Floor of the County Courthouse. Unless otherwise noted, activities will be performed between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

April 25, 2016: Begin Final Processing of Ballots

April 26, 2016, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Final Processing of Ballots

Election Results:

April 26, 2016, 8:00 p.m.: First Tabulation of Ballots

April 28, 2016, 2:00 p.m.: Additional Ballots Counted (date / time subject to change depending on volume)

Notice of Canvassing Board Meetings:

The Jefferson County Canvassing Board, or their appointed designees, will hold open public meetings on:

May 5, 2016, 10:00 a.m.: Preliminary Canvassing Board Meeting to review any ballots referred to them.

May 6, 2016, 1:00 p.m.: Final Canvassing Board Meeting to Certify Election.

Each meeting shall be continued until the activity for which the meeting is held has been completed.

Dated at Port Townsend, Washington, this 23rd day of March 2016.

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